## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 488 By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Belmont University School of Nursing Honor Society on becoming an official chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International.

WHEREAS, on May 2, 1998, the Belmont University School of Nursing Honor Society will receive the great honor of being chartered as an official chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the prestigious International Honor Society of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, the chartering will be conducted by Dr. Kathleen Stevens, secretary of Sigma Theta Tau International, in ceremonies at the Belmont Heights Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, approval for the chapter was granted at the Sigma Theta Tau International Biennial Convention in December 1997 at Indianapolis, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, membership in Sigma Theta Tau International is by invitation and is extended to undergraduate and graduate students, and faculty and professional nurses who have demonstrated superior scholastic, leadership, and nursing achievements; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Theta Tau International encourages and sponsors research, promotes development of nursing leadership, and supports the development of nurse scholars; and

WHEREAS, Belmont University nursing students, faculty, and community nursing leaders will be inducted as charter members in this group; and

\*50000001\*

\*011881\*

50000001 \*01188126\*

WHEREAS, organizing officers are: Dr. Lynne Shores, president; Mrs. Sherry Howard, vice President; Mrs. Sandy Murabito, secretary; Dr. Leslie Higgins, treasurer; Mrs. Jane Shelby and Mrs. Sharon Dowdy, counselors; and

WHEREAS, officers to be installed at the chartering are: Mrs. Ruby Dunlap, president; Mrs. Sherry Howard, vice president; Mrs. Kathy Perlov, president-elect; Mrs. Janet Tatum, secretary; Dr. Leslie Higgins, treasurer; Mrs. Laura Gerleve and Mrs. Sharon Dowdy, counselors; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should recognize those stellar organizations who contribute significantly to scholarship and academic excellence in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL

ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we honor and commend the Belmont University School of Nursing Honor Society on becoming an official chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International, the prestigious International Honor Society of Nursing and wish the new chapter a bright future,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause deleted.

- 2 - \*01188126\*